

Proposed implementation of Zebra Crossing – B1352 Long Road, Lawford		
A formal consultation was carried out between the 28th February and 23rd March 2020. During this period, 2 objections were received from members of the public.		
	Comment	Officer response
1	<p>I object to the crossing proposed for the following reasons:</p> <p>For over two years I have been requesting a refuge in front of the jet garage on Long Road at the top of Cox's Hill to enable pedestrians from Lawford Place & Summers Park to cross and yesterday I note that ECC have painted raised areas at this site making crossing even more difficult!</p> <p>The proposed site (for the advertised zebra crossing) is where a lolly pop lady helped children and adults across the road to the school gates opposite. However, this school entrance is being sealed and access to the school in future is off the new Lawford Green site at the back of the school with the tailor made drop off and collection area.</p> <p>Therefore, a crossing with refuges by the jet garage is even more important in future and I would request that serious consideration is given to my proposal</p>	<p>From an engineering point of view, the location is does appear to be suitable.</p> <p>This location would present additional dangers, since it is at the roundabout junction of three busy roads i.e. A137 Coxs Hill, A137 Wignall Street, and B1352 Long Road. Additionally there is a fourth access at the roundabout to the fuel station. If refuges where installed, it would lead pedestrians directly into the forecourt of the fuel station.</p> <p>The request is outside the remit of the advertised scheme and there have not been any LHP requests for a refuge at this location. LHP funding would be required for any new requests.</p> <p>There is a new drop off point complete with pedestrian entrance to the School via Bromley Road. Nevertheless, the existing entrance remains in place and there will still be a demand for it and the proposed crossing, from pedestrians accessing the school from Summers Park, Lefleys Estate, and Colchester Road and Waldegrave Way areas.</p>
2	<p>Whilst a crossing of some description is extremely necessary on this busy road. This present proposal for a Zebra crossing would mean vehicles would have to stop every-time somebody came out of the school to cross the road.</p> <p>We feel a traffic light controlled crossing would allow traffic to move more freely and be far safer for children and the public to cross only when green light flashes. This would avoid a build-up of traffic blocking Cavendish Drive, Milton Road and Colchester Road junctions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A zebra crossing would be cost-preferable over a signalised crossing at the location. • Any perceived waiting times at junctions due to a zebra crossing would need to be weighed against the cost of a signalised crossing. • A signalised crossing would require separate funding and approval from the LHP. It would also need consultation and advertising.